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In re Application of  
Roy RICHARDSON et al.  
Application No. 09/871,774  
Filed: June 01, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 1410-00

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: **DECISION ON PETITION**  
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This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 06, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action, mailed April 03, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A three (3) month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 04, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$770, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office Action of September 27, 2006 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at (571) 571-272-2783.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1797 for appropriate action on the concurrently filed amendment.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy  
Petitions Examiner  
Office of Petitions

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Art Unit : 1744  
Examiner : Monzer R. Chorbaji  
Serial No. : 09/871,774  
Filed : 06/01/2001  
Inventors : Roy Richardson et al.  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
: TREATING GOODS

Docket No.: 14662-0001  
Confirmation No.: 3000

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

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SIR:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 3, 2007. Filed on October 3, 2007, was a Petition under 37 CFR §1.136(a) requesting a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Official Action (and the requisite fee), thereby extending the time for response thereto up to and including October 3, 2007. However, Applicant failed to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on April 3, 2007 and a Notice of Abandonment issued on October 29, 2007. Two typographical errors in the proposed reply filed on October 3, 2007 were the cause of the improper reply and are corrected herein, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. A Petition to Revive the application is concurrently filed herewith.

Except for the Petition to Revive fee, no additional fee is believed to be due, since the extension fee has already been paid. However, should a fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1555.

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Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments into the above-identified application. Each of the amendments finds full support in the claims, specification and/or drawings as filed.

Amendments to claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 8.